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Cassis celebrates Henry Ford Hospital groundbreaking

West Bloomfield - State Sen. Nancy Cassis today joined community leaders to celebrate the groundbreaking for Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. The second area hospital to break ground this week, Henry Ford is the beneficiary of language sponsored by Cassis in Public Act 619 of 2002 allowing hospitals in growing areas a one-time opportunity to transfer unused beds. Cassis' work was vindicated in subsequent court challenges, with the final ruling coming last month.

"Henry Ford has a well-deserved nationwide reputation for the highest standards in medical care and health specialization," said Cassis, R-Novi. "People can take comfort that a state-of-the-art medical facility will soon be so close to home."

Cassis also attended the groundbreaking earlier this week for St. John's Providence Park Hospital in Novi, another beneficiary of the Cassis legislation.

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